land belonging to public sector companies, land belonging to tribal projects, land allocated for electricity and irrigation projects, etc.; and

(e) by when the above land will be distributed to tribals and the measures taken to retain to ownership of land with tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Land being a State subject, the information is not available with this Ministry.

(c) to (e) There is no such proposal with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at present. The State Government of Kerala had sent a proposal to this Ministry to provide land with houses to the tribals costing Rs. 7000.00 lakhs in order to rehabilitate them during 2001-02. The State Government has been informed that this Ministry had no additional provisions for funding such proposal. However, the State Government could implement the project out of the funds allotted to them under the Special Central Assistance to the Tribal Sub Plan to which this Ministry would have no objection.

Proposal for Integrated Watershed Development Project in Gurajat

570. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal regarding Integrated Watershed Development Project for rural poverty alleviation through land based activities;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) A project proposal, "Integrated Watershed Development for Rural Poverty Alleviation", for the tribal areas of Sabarkantha and Dahod Districts of Gujarat prepared by the Gujarat State Land Development Corporation Ltd. was forwarded to this Ministry by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

The project was discussed in joint meetings held in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and also in the Ministry of Agriculture. The project involves an investment of Rs. 319.15 crores. The organization and the Government of

Gujarat were advised to modify the proposal, taking into account the norms for the watershed development schemes of various departments of the Government of India, who could provide funds on a consortium basis, including external aid. The portion to be funded by this Ministry could then be considered under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India, within the amount allocated for Gujarat for the year 2002-2003.

The State Government are yet to modify the scheme and send a revised proposal.

Separate commission for monitoring of ST schemes

†571. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up a separate National Commission for monitoring the implementation of schemes for scheduled tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received complaints from some of the States regarding laxity in implementation of the schemes for scheduled tribes;

(d) if so, the details of such States; and

(e) the steps taken by Government against such States?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the proposal to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes by bifurcating the existing National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is under Consideration of the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

IDSMT Scheme

572. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.